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SUBJECT: NATURAL GAS DRILLING TO BEGIN

1. PNG PETROLEUM, A JAPANESE OWNED FIRM, ANNOUNCED JANUARY 23 THAT IT WILL BEGIN DRILLING FOR NATURAL GAS IN THE AREA OF THE TAURAMA RIVER ABOUT 200 MILES WEST OF PORT MORESBY. THE SITES ARE IN REMOTE REGIONS AND THE TERRAIN IS SAID TO BE DIFFICULT. SPOKESMAN STATED THE FIRM WILL DRILL IN THREE PLACES, AND ABOUT 15 MONTHS WILL BE REQUIRED TO DO THIS WORK.

2. THE DRILLING RIG IS REPORTEDLY COMING FROM THE UNITED STATES AS ARE TWO S-58 HELICOPTERS TO SERVICE THE DRILLING RIGS.

3. THE SITE FOR THE FIRST DRILL AT KANAU IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

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